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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 3, 2001, applicant hereby elects Group II claims 1-14 and 19-23. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims of Group I in a separate application.

Respectfully submitted,

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